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## Are FEUQers on the take?

# Québec paying student politicians

by James Forbes

Student politicians from a provincial student federation are under fire for accepting salaries directly from the Québec government.

The Fédération Étudiante Universitaire de Québec (FEUQ) has been accepting special "bursaries" offered by the Québec government for student federation executive members not working during the school year.

According to government officials, FEUQ receives nearly 40 per cent of its income from the bursary program.

Other student leaders have said FEUQ's bargaining position is jeopardized by accepting the government bursaries.

"It would be hard for any national student organization to take this money and then turn around and lobby the government properly," said Allison Lewis, deputy national chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). "I wonder how FEUQ can pretend to represent students when they are directly funded by the government."

Lewis said CFS received money for special projects, but not for salaries of the association's executive.

FEUQ executive members and supporters defended the bursaries.

"These bursaries are extremely important because they help us to better do our jobs," said FEUQ president Nicolas Plourde. "We would be crazy not to take them."

"This is not an unusual procedure," said FEUQ vice-president Helène Gagnon. "Many student groups receive their funding this way."

But according to the government, only FEUQ collects the bursary.

"This (bursary) programme is available for both national student federations in Québec," explained Yves Lemire, political attaché to Québec's education minister. "But presently, only FEUQ accepts these bursaries."

McGill students joined FEUQ in a referendum last year and pay \$1 each semester to the federation.

Students' Society VP External Karla MacDonald said governments must financially help student organizations. "Students have the right to group together and it is the obligation of the government to facilitate this organization."

But Julie Gervais, general secretary of Québec's other student federation, the Association Nationale des Étudiants et Étudiantes du Québec (ANEEQ), said ANEEQ refuses the government bursary.

"It's somewhat difficult when you're being paid by the government to then turn around and criticize them," said Gervais. "And FEUQ's policies are certainly in line with those of the government."

Although this policy makes life financially difficult for the ANEEQ executive, Gervais said "we manage to work around the lack of money and long hours, even though it does mean we have some problems."

The bursaries are based on the number of students the federation represents. According to Lemire, FEUQ receives ten bursaries totalling \$65 975. In comparison, the federation raises roughly \$107 000 through direct student levies.

André Gagnon, a member of the students' association at l'Université de Québec à Montréal,

outlined an alternative to the provincial bursary program.

"Although we have always been

against this plan, we recognise the difficulty that student leaders have," he said. "We are presently looking

into a program that would enable the students to receive credit for their work."



FEUQ VP Helène Gagnon a member of the comfortably salaried FEUQ executive

## Anatomy students to lose labs

by Shannon Aldinger

As of next fall undergraduate anatomy students will no longer have a hands-on lab component to their classes.

The anatomy department recently decided it can no longer pay lab demonstrators as a result of budget cuts. Without the demonstrators, undergraduate labs will be impossible.

"The cuts are a disaster," said Marla Guralnick, President of the McGill Anatomy Students' Society (MASS). "We're in the same building as dentistry and we all feel as if we're being annihilated."

McGill is currently one of the only universities in North America with an undergraduate anatomy program. Even fewer universities offer undergraduates access to cadavres. Anatomy students believe both programs are in danger due to the recent cuts.

"We see this (lab cut) as the first step in phasing out the whole undergraduate program," said Stephen Kantor, an anatomy students' society vice-president.

"And if the administration sees it can get away with the cuts here,

what's to stop them from cutting educational services in other departments?"

The cuts will be made to three of the four anatomy courses which currently offer a lab component. All three are required courses. Labs currently occupy about as much time each week as classroom lectures in these classes.

All other science departments require undergraduate labs.

Guralnick said the cuts will affect all anatomy students, as well as physiotherapy and psychology students who take the courses. Approximately two hundred students are enrolled in the anatomy department alone.

"Labs enrich the learning experience well beyond the reach of any textbook or atlas," a recent Anatomy students' society press release noted.

"It's like taking a classical literature course and not doing the reading oneself, but rather having the material read to you," Kantor said.

Anatomy and Histology department chair Dennis Osmond said the Faculty of Medicine was assigned an amount of money which

it had to cut from its budget. The department chose to cut lab demonstrators' fees because "it was the only thing left to cut."

"At this stage there are no other alternatives. Most of our budget is involved in tenured positions over which there is no discretion," Osmond said.

The university may introduce computer simulation programs to replace the hands-on labs. Histology and anatomy professor Hershey Warshawski said the other option is to increase the use of prepared slides.

"There are about four teachers for the three classes and I don't know that anyone has the time to work out plans to supplement the labs," Warshawski said.

Kantor described computer-aided tutorials as "phenomenal for courses like gross anatomy". But he said they are "only good as supplements to labs, not replacements."

He also questioned how the university plans to levy money for computer programs and whether students would have adequate access to them.

Anatomy students hope to raise public awareness and support through petitioning.

## Who's running

Next year's Students' Society executive will consist almost exclusively of members from this year's student council.

Two executive positions may be acclaimed for lack of contestants.

Susan Nickerson, present vp finance for the Arts and Science Undergraduate Society (ASUS) who is running for vp finance, and Julie Dzerowicz, current clubs rep to student council who is running for vp internal, so far have no opposition.

Students' Society's presidential position will be fought between present vp university affairs Rosalind Ward-Smith and present student council speaker Adam Atlas.

VP university affairs will be contested between Christopher Sickling, Michael Rottmayer and residence rep to council Monique Shebbeare.

VP external will be contested by present ASUS rep Jeff Percival and law rep to student council Hélène Mathieu.

Students will also vote on whether they want the Students' Society to remain a member of Québec student federation FEUQ, and whether opposition to increases in tuition fees will become Students' Society policy.



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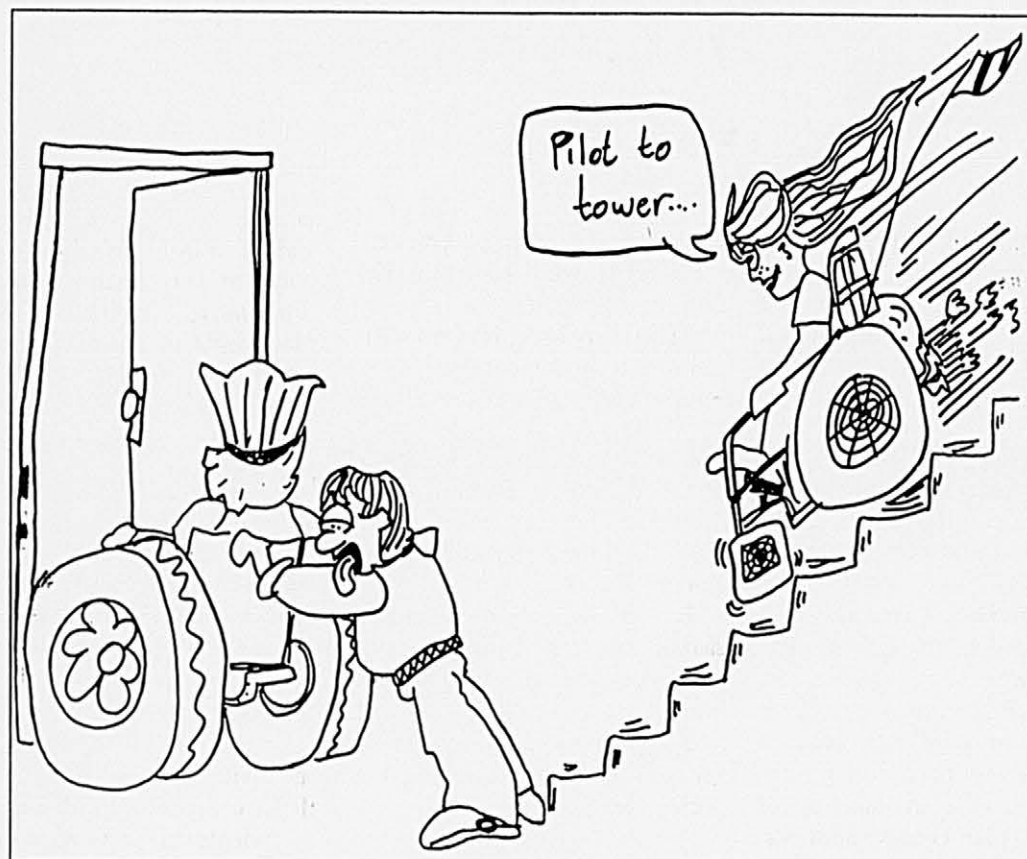
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## McGill Safety Audit

On Tuesday, March 10, 1992, a campus-wide safety audit will take place between 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Trained teams of four, including 2 students, a Faculty/unit delegate and a member of Physical Plant, will survey the environment of the buildings and grounds of the campus in an effort to delineate and report on features that diminish safety. Following the exercise, the information will be compiled and recommendations for changes made. The aim of the audit is to increase the physical and psychological safety for all members of the McGill Community giving special attention to the needs and safety of women.

The Safety Audit Committee (a sub-committee of the Advisory Committee on the Concerns of Women Students) invites you to provide input to this process by completing and returning the form below on or before Wednesday, February 20, 1992. Forms can be dropped off at the Kiosk in the Union Building, the reception desk in the Powell Student Services Building between 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. or mailed directly to the Office of the Dean of Students, c/o Student Services, 3637 Peel Street, Montreal, H3A 1X1.

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# Stop racist "Rambo" cops: protestors

by Michael Newman

Sixty protestors faced off nearly half of Montréal's police force Thursday, demonstrating against what they saw as an upsurge in police racial intolerance.

More than 2000 police marched down St. Denis Street, calling for the resignation of Montréal police chief Alain St. Germain. Earlier last week, St. Germain publicly condemned officers for last summer's mistaken shooting-death of Marcellus François.

One of the counter-demonstration's organizers, who wished to remain anonymous, said people must take action against racist tendencies in the police force.

"This police demonstration is very bad because it's the first time in Québec (that police) have taken to the streets to say they will shoot whenever they feel like it," she said.

Counter-demonstrators also condemned St. Germain, saying he did not go far enough in his criticism

of the force and that he is camouflaging racist tendencies in the force.

As police marched past the corner of Saint-Denis and de Maisonneuve, counter-demonstrators chanted, "sexiste, raciste, anti-gai, trois qualités des policiers," and "tolérance zéro face aux flics rambos." Police attempted to drown out the chants by loudly clapping their hands.

Members of the Montréal Police Brotherhood (the city's union of police officers) have blamed the death of François on faulty equipment, understaffing, and government cuts to the police budget. According to Brotherhood leader Yves Prud'homme, Chief St. Germain bent to the will of politicians when he condemned police.

Marcellus François, a 25 year-old black man, was fatally shot last July by SWAT team member Sgt. Michel Tremblay. Tremblay mistook François for attempted-murder suspect Kirt

Haywood. Tremblay has since been transferred to a desk job within the force.

Many counter-demonstrators said there is a pattern of racial intolerance in the police force, pointing to three black men shot dead by police under questionable circumstances.

In 1987, 19-year-old Anthony Griffin was shot by police, as was 24-year-old Presley Leslie in 1990. The police officers involved were not reprimanded in either incident.

"The police have to admit there is racism on the force," said the counter-demonstration organizer. "We have evidence they use racist words in private, and they say this isn't publicly manifested. That doesn't stand up to logic."

Recordings of radio communications between officers in the pursuit of François last summer revealed police consistently referred to François as "tam-tam" and "négre."



Counter demonstrators meet Montréal finest

# Scrourging for more safety

by Dani Colt

Administrators and students will soon conduct a safety audit of the McGill campus to investigate its high-risk areas.

"The campus is a serious threat to women," said Melissa Freedman from the McGill Walk-Safe Network. "It's good the administration is finally making a commitment to campus safety."

The audit is organized by a committee appointed by associate dean of students Lynn Butler-Kisber. Karla MacDonald, students' society vp external, said the audit is different from former ones because students as well as administrators are involved.

"Students are doing the actual

audit, rather than an outside company that will rush through the job," MacDonald said. "This way, the surveyors are familiar with the campus."

But Sylvia Di Iorio, co-ordinator of the McGill Sexual Assault Center does not share MacDonald's enthusiasm.

"If the university really wanted to make this a student venture they would hold a forum or panel, where students could come forward and speak," said Di Iorio.

"They could have a phone number where students could call



Tamara Myers

and report assaults," she said. "This would give a larger overview of the situation."

The audit will examine psychological and physical threats on the McGill campus.

"A psychological threat could be entering a dark building with a lot of places where assailants could hide," said committee member Tamara Myers, graduate students' society vp university affairs. "Physical threats involve the actual attacks."

"The information obtained from the audit will be presented to the university," said Myers. "It is up to administration to put the money behind it."

MacDonald is confident the administration will support the venture. But Di Iorio said university funding is a problem.

"The safety audit is of no value unless you implement the recommendations, and I doubt much will

be implemented," said Di Iorio.

Sarah Shaw of the Coalition Against Sexual Assault said the university currently does nothing to warn women about areas of risk.

"Student groups such as the Walk Safe Network do a lot that this university does not, and have taken the matter into their own hands," she said.

The audit will occur on March 10. Currently, only about half of the required number of student volunteers are involved.

Students interested in participating in the audit can sign up at all Sadie's, SSMU info kiosk, or at Thomson House. Students with safety complaints, contact Karla MacDonald at 398-6798, Tamara Myers at 398-3756, or the Walk-Safe Network at 398-6823.

## COUNCIL BRIEFS

### Apathy tax or benevolent donation?

Students' Society councillors sent the "Twenty-First Century Fund" fee to campus-wide referendum in March at Thursday's student council meeting.

Under the scheme, students would pay an extra \$50 a year to the university.

Many questions addressed the appropriateness of the fee.

"The (21st century fund fee) is just an apathy tax," said Architecture rep David Gruber. "Nothing is stopping students from giving \$25 a term to the 21st century fund [on their own]."

Clubs rep Andrea Hill said most clubs were against the fee. "Charitable donations are voluntary," she said.

But some councillors said students should contribute to McGill. "By not doing this we're encouraging apathy," said Arts rep John Sparks.

Gruber responded fiercely: "This isn't a democracy, this is a farce. We shouldn't tax students because we're high-handed and think we have a right to."

Another councillor said the fee would send the wrong signal. "What are we saying to McGill and the government if we say we're rich enough to pay more," said Board of Governors rep Maeve Sullivan.

Engineering rep Matt Mather disagreed with Sullivan. "I'm in favour of this. I have a lot of money in the bank." He said the Engineering student council was in favour of the fee.

Some questioned student control over the money raised. "What guarantees do we have that the money will be spent on student priorities?" said clubs rep Julie Dzerowicz.

She cited club space students were supposed to receive in the new bookstore and new athletics complex as cases where students paid

fees without any control over its spending.

Considerable concern was raised with regards to the fee's opt-out procedure.

But VP University Affairs Rosalind Ward-Smith assured councillors opting out of the fee would be easier than opting out of the health plan because Students' Society would not be administering the procedure.

"The opt-out procedure will be controlled by the university," said Ward-Smith. "Everyone will receive a memo detailing the procedure with their fee statement detailing where the money is being spent."

Students will be able to opt out by placing a slip in a box at the Registrar's office.

Councillors challenged the constitutionality of the fee. According to the Students' Society constitution, fees cannot be changed twice in 12 months after they are changed. Last semester's approval of the

health plan changed students' levy towards Students' Society.

But VP Finance Lev Bukhman said the 21st century fund fee is not a Students' Society fee but "an endorsement."

He said Senate will have a final say on whether the fee actually is a Society fee.

### Oh yes, its referendum time!

Student council voted to send several other questions to referendum, including a vote on whether to remain in the Fédération Étudiante Universitaire du Québec (FEUQ).

McGill students voted to join, then to leave the controversial federation last year. However, a judicial board ruling later overturned the pull-out vote.

Another question on next March's referendum ballot will ask students whether Students' Society

should oppose tuition fee increases and course materials charges. If passed, Student's Society could no longer remain in FEUQ, which supported a seven per cent tuition fee increase for next year.

Another referendum called for a \$2 per semester fee increase for improving accessibility of the McGill campus for the disabled.

Students will be asked to make two constitutional changes as well. The first will change the term 'Executive Director' to 'General Manager' everywhere it appears. The second will remove the words 'to act as secretary' from the executive director/general manager's duties at Council.

William Shatner will have a building named after him if a referendum passes to change the name of the University Centre (a.k.a. the Union Building) to the William Shatner University Centre. Look for Trekkies in the Union next year if this one wins.

-Michael Rottmayer



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## COMMENT

### The joy of naughty bits

We like penises.  
We like nudity.  
We like sex.  
We like vulvas and breasts too!  
And we like to see these things in the *Daily*. Often.  
It's not that we necessarily get off on them. Nor is it that it is sensational and attracts attention.

We like to see penises, buttocks, breasts and vulvas in the *Daily* because they are part of our lives, bodies and preoccupations, and as such they are important to us. So when we are honest about them, it's refreshing and liberating.

Sex is an aspect of our lives which is always being controlled. We all have ideas of what is healthy or unhealthy sex, and most of us are pretty confused. There are strong social conventions and gender roles that hinder our sexual freedoms.

Divergence from these norms may lead to guilt feelings about being dirty or freaky or "politically incorrect" or whatever. Society tells us that what consenting adults do together is their own business — but only when it replicates the social norm.

We have lost touch with the erotic. Images of sex are instantly labelled pornography, and to enjoy them is to be perverse. Many depictions of sex are forbidden altogether.

Canadian obscenity laws forbid the depiction of cocks more erect than forty-five degrees. While cunt-fucking is OK with the Canadian government, ass-fucking is most certainly not. Canada customs routinely seizes any gay erotic literature it can get its homophobic hands on.

We despise this censorship. It hides sex away, placing it out of the reach of public pleasure, scrutiny or criticism. Sex is not something that happens behind a bedroom door, apart from everybody. Sex is politically loaded and integrally related to the way we relate to each other.

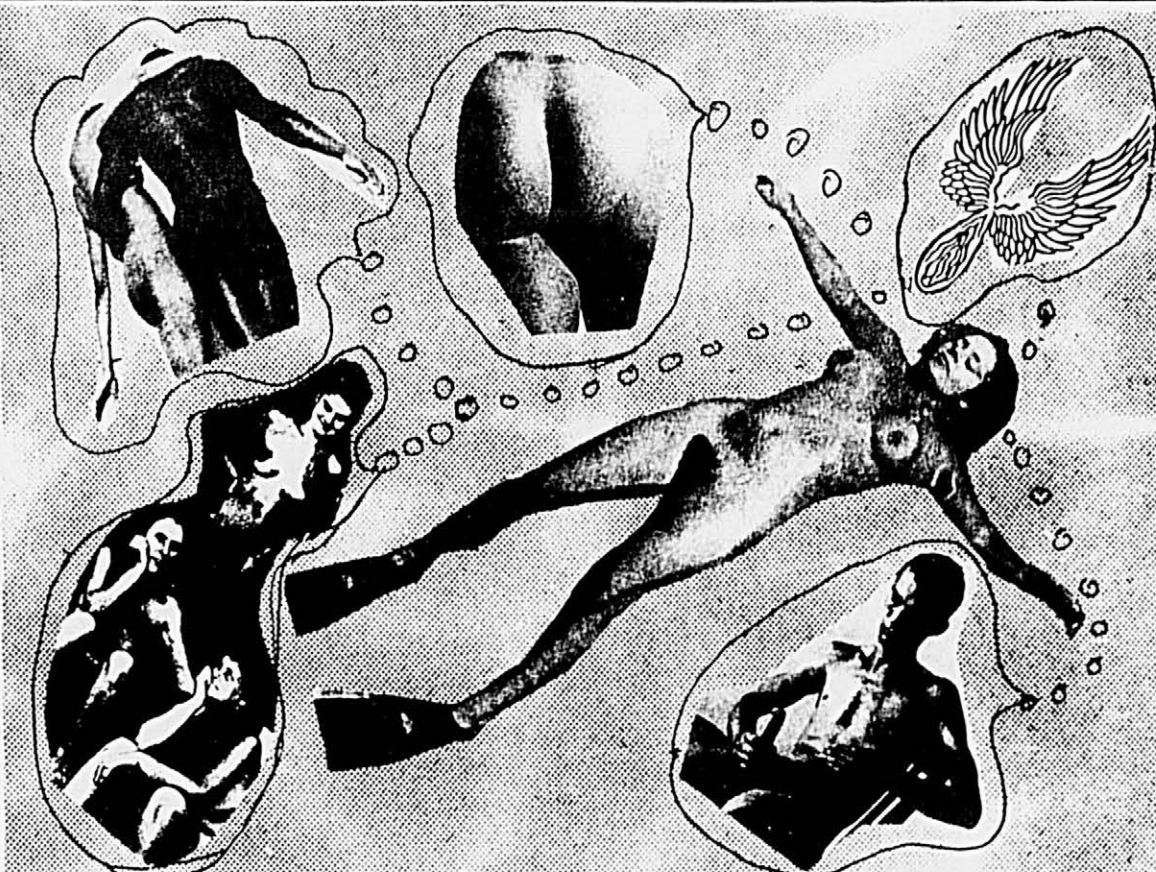
We need to make it public. To look at it, criticise it, understand it better and have fun with it. To insist on hiding it is worse than obscene.

Besides, penises, vulvas, bums and boobs are kind of funny looking and fun to play with...

Fiona McCaw  
Kristen Hutchinson

Susan Vivian

DAILY GRAPHIC: KRISTEN HUTCHINSON AND SUSAN VIVIAN



## LETTERS

Not only is this an argument for more black professors, it is also an argument for more representative (and of course, qualified) faculty in general — something I would think all students would have an interest in.

Finally, I resent the associations so oft made between the efforts of blacks to gain representation in positions of power, influence and authority with racism, segregation and discrimination. It is beyond me why this backlash has consistently accompanied every effort at black empowerment where other groups' efforts have generated praise.

It's not racist, segregationist or discriminatory, it's simply called helping ourselves.

Sharon Stewart  
Arts U3

### Incoherent references

To the Daily:  
Re: "The Real Resolution 242",  
Doron Goldstein, Jan 22  
Goldstein's incomprehensible defense of Resolution 242 through

incoherent references to the actual wording of the Resolution is irrelevant given the broader context of its non-enforcement and other more palpable transgressions of international law on the part of Israel.

The fact is, Resolution 242 was vague enough to have been accepted by all sides. In 1976, the Security Council called for Israeli withdrawal to the pre-67 borders and the establishment of an independent Palestinian State. The U.S. vetoed the resolution, as it has all proposals for peace that do not ensure Israeli domination in the Middle East.

Resolution 425, on the subject of Israel's shocking and bloody invasion of Lebanon, is more clear. It orders Israel to withdraw from Lebanon unconditionally and immediately — an order it continues to defy.

The Fourth Geneva convention of 1949 is equally clear: "The Occupying Power shall not deport or transfer parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupied". However whether

Israel illegally builds racially divided towns in the territories (enforcing laws White Supremacists must envy), or simply exploits in a more traditional colonial manner — an estimated 25% of Israel's water comes from the Golan Heights — the real issue is not "land for peace" but the right to self-determination of the Palestinians. All else is whitewash.

Israel's continued occupation and settlement of foreign lands, and its denial of Palestinian rights to self-determination is in violation of international law and morally indefensible. To fiddle-faddle over the semantics of contracts that will never be enforced is a procedure best left to apologists like Goldstein and those with time to waste. The rest of us would be better to spend that time examining the broader issues of US and Israeli racist policies and human rights violations in the middle east, and specifically in the illegally occupied territories.

Leif R. Montin  
Alumnus '87

## LETTERS

### Gross puzzlement

To the Daily:  
re: McGill Daily Black History Issue  
"Just imagine if we had true education! An education based on truth, not on omission and lies."

How puzzling it was to read these comments in an issue littered with gross distortions and hollow claims. In appraising the Black History Issue, I defer to the wisdom of one of the contributing authors, who writes:

"this type of rubbish is not only an insult to Black people, but also an insult to anyone with an iota of intelligence!"

Emmanuel C. Bourbouhakis  
Visiting Student History

to Bolognaro (2nd paragraph of the 3rd column), to Bolognaro (4th paragraph of the third column), finally returning to Bolognaro (last work of the article). Was this a post-modern gesture to remind me of the necessarily plural and protean nature of subjectivity?

Aporetically yours  
Eugenio B. J. \*0000\$4  
PGSS VP External

### Not racist

To the Daily:  
Stipulating that a professor (or heaven forbid, professors — should the program get beyond the proposal stage) of African descent teach the courses proposed by the Black Students' Network is neither discriminatory nor crypto-segregationist.

Faculty at McGill is not representative of the student population. Personally, I would like to see myself represented among those who exercise influence on my instruction, curricula and academic life in general.

It should not be a pleasant surprise to run into a black female professor on campus, it should be expected. If the university administration will not hire a black person to teach a course on African history, or any other part of a Black Studies program for that matter, when will they?

### Always Already misspelled

To the Daily:  
I would like to congratulate you for the coverage of PGSS and FEUQ Council meetings held last week. I think you have hit on the right formula to keep students informed about these important events, and I hope that these "Briefs" will become a tradition at the *Daily*.

I wonder, however, if you realized that you almost caused me an identity crisis! In the briefs of the FEUQ's conference I metamorphosed from Bolognaro (bottom of the 2nd column),

## HYDE PARK

### Women's visions of the night

Opinion of Fiona Deller, member of VISION/Québec PIRG

Night time is one of the constant paradoxes of my life. It is the time when I feel most alive, most powerful, most free. It is also the time when I feel most afraid, and therefore, most angry. When I was young I used to be able to climb onto the roof of my parents' house from my bedroom window. I would go to bed and wait until everyone else was asleep, and then I would climb up and lie under the stars for hours, sometimes I'd fall asleep out there (obviously I was oblivious to the potential threat of fallin off.) A little later in life I would sneak out of the house after curfew and meet my friends in the park, we'd smoke camels and drink beer and feel awfully

emancipated at having evaded the watchful eyes of our parents. Still later, night meant staying up until dawn in some all night donut shop talking with a good friend.

It was night time when I moved into my first apartment. Night time was clubs and parties, long walks and intense conversations, neon and city streets. I always seemed to get my heart broken after dark. Night for me was associated with my first stabs of independence, coming of age, rites of passage. But throughout my life night time has also meant something else: fear. Because I am female, people have constantly warned me about the night, my night.

There was a period of time when I would not go out by myself at night. I

gave up midnight walks, living alone, late night ventures, unless I had cab fare to get home, and many other things. Lately I have been taking these things back. They belong to me and I have a right to them, but it's out of anger that I take them and I wish it didn't have to be.

These are my visions of the night, as well as I can describe them in this limited space. We would like to know your vision, enter the WOMEN'S VISION OF THE NIGHT photo contest. Look for our posters or call Québec PIRG at 398-7432 or 286-0693. Due Wednesday, March 11. Submit entries to the VISION mail box at the SSMU desk in the Union Bldg. or Québec PIRG office, Eaton building, room 505.

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**Pay equity not a priority: critics****Government in slow motion**

by Tara Andresen

The Québec government is being accused of hindering the demands of over 24 000 women public employees for wage equity.

Union reps accuse the government of dragging their feet in funding an official study on job inequity.

"Four years of fighting and we're still only on the first steps," said Marie Josée Leroux of the Centrale des Professionnel de la Santé (CPS), a Québec health workers union.

Salaries of women health and social service workers are up to \$5000 less than men doing jobs of equal value.

Members of the CPS are upset the government has not funded an inquiry into job inequity in the public service, to be conducted by The Québec Human Rights Commission (HRC). The HRC has requested close to \$100 000 in funding to investigate allegations of female exploitation dating back to 1986.

"This (discrimination) occurs even though the Charter of Human Rights dictates that equal pay must be given for work of equal value," said HRC communications director Paule Ste-Marie.

Ste-Marie said implementing pay-equity would cost the provincial government as much as \$50 million.

"This estimate is so high because a pay-equity law would affect more than just the 24 000 women who filed the complaint," said Ste-Marie.

Leroux said there are also significant problems with how the government compares work tasks between women and men doing the same job. She said the mechanism is outmoded and is poorly suited to jobs held by women.

"The methods and questionnaires do not consider that in the health care profession, people don't work on heavy machinery in a noisy environment," said Leroux.

Ste-Marie said the government is afraid of setting a precedent on job equity that the private sector would be forced to emulate.

"It could start the same process in the private sector which private sector employers would not be very happy about," she said.

Ontario and Manitoba already have coercive laws regarding equal pay for work of equal value and

employers are required to submit annual job evaluations to the government.

Women affected by the wage eq-

uity inquiry are office workers, medical technicians, dieticians, social workers and cafeteria workers.

In a 1985 Statistics Canada re-

port, women social workers earned an average wage of \$19 032 while their male colleagues earned \$24 941.

Leroux warned that if the government does not fund the inquiry by April, Québec unions might have to turn to the courts.

**McGill researchers creating weed-killing fungus**

by Chris Clark

Researchers in the Plant Science lab at Macdonald College are studying and growing fungi in the name of environmentally safe agriculture.

The fungi are used to kill weeds as an alternative to chemical pesticides.

"The problem today is that pesticides are treated as a sort of silver bullet solution," said Stephen Hallett, a Macdonald College researcher. "You have a problem, you look up the appropriate pesticide in a book, and you order it."

Chemical pesticides linger on in the environment. They leave residues in the soil and drain into the water supply, where they enter the food chain. They also leave a residue on crops, which may harm to agricultural workers and consumers.

In contrast, bioherbicides use organisms already existing in the environment, which die and decompose naturally.

Stewart Hill, a researcher at the Plant Science lab, said chemical pesticides are dangerous because they harm indiscriminately.

"Poison kills everything," he said. "With bioherbicides you have a biological disease which attacks only the particular weed."

But Hill does not see bioherbicides as the ultimate solution to weed control, because the weeds they kill may actually be useful in maintaining the health of crops. Instead, he favours a new approach to farming.

"We need to design systems to prevent the problem," Hill said. "Pesticides and bio-herbicides are a curative solution, but eventually we want to prevent the problem from

occurring."

McGill's research involves fungal pathogens, species of fungus which attack particular weeds. Researchers find suitable funguses by finding and collecting diseased weeds. These are returned to the lab, where the researcher attempts to isolate and grow the fungus killing the weeds. The disease can then be reproduced under lab conditions.

For the next few years, the researcher works in the lab, trying to identify the conditions under which the fungus thrives. The researcher must also be sure the fungus will not harm crops, other plant species, or humans.

Bioherbicides can be tricky to manage because they can only grow under certain conditions. If the temperature, the humidity or any other conditions are wrong, the

fungus will not survive.

"The host (the weed) and the environment impose limits on the fungus. We try to reduce those limits. The most common way is to inundate the weeds with large amounts."

Bioherbicides are also difficult to store. Chemical pesticides are more durable, which makes them easy to use, but hard to get rid of. Researchers are looking for ways to change either the fungus, or the way it is stored, so that it can be used easily by farmers.

Bioherbicide research is a relatively new science. The first usable bioherbicide was developed in 1981, and to date there are only three available. There are approximately twenty research groups worldwide working on bioherbicides.

**Conference addresses 'Science Morals'**

by Ted James

From Nancy B. to test-tube babies to silicone breast implants to experimental drug programs, our ever-changing medical technology constantly brings questions of medical ethics to the headlines and to our daily lives.

Ethics in medicine was the subject of a recent conference at McGill. The conference was organized by the McGill Student Pugwash, a group based on fostering responsibility in science.

Over eighty students from across Canada attended the conference during the weekend of February 8. The format included a combination of panel discussions and workshops.

Topics included: Life Sustaining Technologies and the Right to Die, Practices in Medical Research, and the Education of Medical Practitioners.

"What made this conference such an effective learning experience was the selection of challenging, controversial topics which impact strongly on society in general and the student population in particular," said Esther Olshansky, a psychology graduate student from York University.

Participants paid eight dollars for the three day event. They shared in discussions and listened to a number of guest speakers including keynote speaker, ethics expert Dr. Edward Keyserlingk of the McGill Centre for Medi-

cine, Ethics and Law.

Keyserlingk said that doctors today often have problems communicating with patients. In particular doctors often fail to tell patients the risks involved in medical treatments and the options available.

"It is a matter of personal respect for the patient. Doctors should focus on quality over quantity [of health service]," said Keyserlingk.

Sue Britton, a registered nurse in the Palliative Care Unit at the Royal Victoria hospital, shared Keyserlingk's sentiment. She added that the responsibility of ethical decision making should be further distributed to involve other people besides physicians.

Feedback from the participants, mostly

university students, was positive. "I liked [the conference] and thought it was important and beneficial, but greater integration from other fields was needed. [Science] concerns more than just physicists and chemists," said anthropology student Tatjana Huzenlaub.

Head organizer Brigid Payne expressed her satisfaction with the conference in whole. "The striking thing is that people came into it with one set of ideas, but left with many questions and much confusion. It got people to revise their beliefs, and I think that's a valuable thing to do."

However, as closing speaker Dr. Abby Lynch said, "It's not just thinking [about medical ethics] but implementing."



# Nova Scotia Freezes Daycare Subsidies

by Dawn Mitchell

**HALIFAX (CUP)** - Students in Nova Scotia will find it even harder to find affordable daycare thanks to the freezing of government subsidies.

Funds for subsidized daycare seats, available to low-income earners, are being frozen at the 1991 levels for the next two years due to Nova Scotia's government restraint program.

This action, coupled with the lack of available government-sponsored daycare positions will make it even harder for students with children to be able to continue with their studies.

One Dalhousie student on so-

cial assistance said daycare is inaccessible to her.

"Every bit of money I have is needed and the more I spend on daycare, the less I'll have for food and rent," said Marie Stillman, a full-time student and single mother of two.

Eve Wright, executive director of Dalhousie's University's Children's Centre, said the freeze may force increases in the daily fees parents pay for the service.

"For 1991, 92 per cent of our total income went to salaries and benefits. The other eight per cent was spent on supplies from Kleenex to food to file folders to Legoblocks," Wright said. "There is no way to cut any deeper into

that eight per cent."

But Nova Scotia Community Services Minister Marie Dechman said a public sector wage freeze of daycare workers salaries means cost should stay the same. This negated the need for higher subsidies, she said.

"We are looking for their co-operation in this difficult time," she said.

Last June, Stillman decided to move to Halifax and resume her studies, but the lack of subsidized daycare places forced her to leave the children with her parents.

"I don't think the government realizes the importance of daycare and how hard it is to find (a subsidized seat)," she said.

"Every time I turn around and try to better myself by getting off social assistance, the government slaps me in the face. I should not be put in this position."

Currently, the government has set the daily rate for the 2022 subsidized daycare placements at \$16 - the province pays \$14.50 and parents pay \$1.50.

In 1991, there were 2011 government-funded positions for an estimated provincial population of 60,000 children under the age of five.

The freeze will not affect the number of subsidized seats.

## Committee ignores students' concerns

Last Thursday, McGill administrators acted against student wishes and raised student services fees by \$4 per year.

At a meeting of the Senate Committee on the Coordination of Student Services (CCSS), none of the student reps voted for the increase.

But McGill employees on the committee, including Dean of Students Irwin Gopnik, decided to raise the fee anyway.

Graduate president Michael Temelini insisted that only three days' notice had been given on the budget. He asked that the budget motion be ruled out of order.

Gopnik, who chairs the committee, ruled it in order. "That's the way it's always been done," he said.

Temelini challenged the ruling. "Three days is not enough time for appropriate consultation," he said.

Students' Society president Scott Mitic agreed with Temelini. He said he too had not had enough time to consult his constituents.

McGill administrators disagreed with the student reps.

"There is extremely poor faith on the part of the students. They know the budget comes around this time of year," said committee member Pierre Tellier.

The challenge was taken to a vote, and the budget was ruled in order.

Students continued to protest. "At the finance sub-committee meeting, we directed Athletics to find non-student revenue. They came back and said they could cut intramural hockey. That's not what we wanted," said Temelini.

Temelini read a motion which called for no increases in student services fees at all next year. It stated that service fees should not be increased because Canada was experiencing the worst recession since the 1930's, and tuition has gone up by more than 150 per cent in the last three years.

Temelini decided to withdraw the motion "because of the contemptuous atmosphere of this group."

-Michael Rottmayer

## More to pay

McGill plans to add yet another charge to its growing list of "miscellaneous student fees". Students who want to add courses after the add/drop period deadline will be charged \$25 for each course to a maximum of \$100.

The move was immediately denounced by students. Michael Temelini, president of Post Graduate Students' Society, called the proposed new fee "another McGill absurdity". He called the fee "appalling" and an infringement on student's rights. "It's your right to change courses. This right now costs \$25," he said.

The proposal has been approved by two committees of the university's Board of Governors last December, including the Budget Planning Group. Upon final consent from the university's Board of Governors, the fee will be implemented for next fall.

Presently, this fee is only charged by the Faculties of Music (\$20), Management (\$5), and the Centre for Continuing Education (\$20).

The "Late Add Course Change Charge" was first proposed by the Arts and Science Faculty in December because it viewed the addition of courses after the add/drop deadlines to be an administrative burden on the Faculties. "It generates a lot of work," said Claude Louis, an accountant with the Student Affairs Office.

Louis said there was enough opportunity given to students to register in time. "We're talking about students who are very delinquent, where the student had enough time to register, not those who are off in Timbucktu and unable to register on time."

-Tara Andressen



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## SSMU REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

for

March 10-12, 1992

### Council-Initiated Referenda Questions:

① Do you agree with amending the Students' Society Constitution to replace the words "Executive Director" with "General Manager" in the following Articles: 6.1, 8.2, 8.4, 20.3, 24.1, 24.2 (Yes, No, No Opinion)

② Do you agree with amending the Students' Society's Constitution to delete the words "to act as Secretary" in Article 6.1? (Yes, No, No Opinion)

③ Whereas the situation of underfunding at McGill University does not permit an adequate amount of money to be used for services, equipment and facilities for the disabled; Whereas there are more disabled students at McGill University today than ever before; Whereas many students are forced to accept inadequate and inferior services, equipment and facilities; Whereas students at McGill University have agreed to paying a \$2.00 levy per student per semester for the last four years to help resolve these problems; Do you approve of continuing to pay a \$2.00 levy per student per semester, beginning September 1, 1992, the revenue of which shall be used to provide the required services, equipment and facilities, to be allocated by the Joint Committee Concerning Persons With Disabilities, subject to annual review? (Yes, No, No Opinion)

④ Do you agree to contribute to the McGill Twenty-First Century Fund whereby all full-time undergraduate students pay \$25.00 per student per semester and all part-time undergraduate students pay \$12.50 per student per semester? This fee will be in place for a period of nine years. The proceeds of this fee will go back to every student's own faculty and will be used to fund a priority chosen by their respective student faculty associations. All undergraduate students will have the opportunity to opt-out of this fee every semester. (Yes, No, No Opinion)

⑤ Whereas:  
Some members of the SSMU have brought up their desire to reevaluate FEUQ's mandate on the McGill campus; BIRT: Council initiate the following referendum question to be put to the Society during the March 1992 referendum period:  
Whereas:  
"FEUQ" refers to the Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec;  
"FEUQ's Dues" refers to the membership dues paid by SSMU to FEUQ;  
"Student" or collectively "Students" refers to the members of the SSMU;  
"SSMU" refers to the Students' Society of McGill University;  
"SSMU's Fee" refers to the compulsory contribution of students to SSMU;

### ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF:

1. SSMU continuing its membership within FEUQ; OR
2. SSMU withdrawing its membership from FEUQ with the understanding that the membership fee will cease to be collected in January 1993; OR
3. No opinion

### Student-Initiated Referenda Questions:

① Do you agree that the name of the "University Centre" (Union Building), located at 3480 McTavish Avenue, be changed to the "William Shatner University Centre"? (Yes, No, No Opinion)

② Whereas:  
"SSMU" refers to the Students' Society of McGill University  
**ARE YOU IN FAVOUR OF ADOPTING THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AS SSMU POLICY?**

1. The SSMU is unconditionally opposed to any increases whatsoever in the total dollar amount of university tuition fees.
2. The SSMU is opposed to all forms of charges for "service" levied by universities ("frais afférents") including the so-called "course materials charge."
3. The SSMU shall not become nor remain a member of any organization whose policies are in contradiction with sections (1) and (2) of this policy.
4. This policy supersedes all previous policies of the SSMU regarding tuition fees. (Yes, No, No Opinion)

**Deadline for "Yes" and "No" Committee applications for any of the above referenda questions: Friday, February 21, 1992 at 13h00**

Forms may be obtained at SSMU Desk (Union Bldg. Rm. 105) and should be returned by the deadline to the Chief Returning Officers c/o SSMU Desk.

Deanna Vanderyagt and William Stee, CROs

## ASUS REFERENDUM QUESTION for March 10-12, 1992

Do you agree that the Arts and Science Undergraduate Society (ASUS) should be split into two (2) separate organizations - the Arts Undergraduate Society (AUS) and the Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) - on the basis of the following Constitutions and Financial Agreement? (Yes, No, No Opinion)

Please find copies of the above-mentioned proposed Constitutions (AUS and SUS) and Financial Agreement at the SSMU Desk (Union Bldg. Room 105)

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## SSMU ELECTIONS: EXTENDED NOMINATIONS

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**Correction: There will be only one engineering rep. to Senate**



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